in the prime band, in Satellite mode on frequencies other than those carrying terrestrial frequencies.

(b) to (d) The Sub-Divisional Magistrates, District Magistrates, Commissioner of Police and other officers notified by the Central Government and State Government have the responsibility to ensure compliance to the provisions of the aforesaid Act. All State Governments/ UT administrations have been requested to issue necessary instructions to the concerned authorized officers to ensure that all the cable operators within their jurisdiction carry the above mentioned Doordarshan channels in their service, failing which action should be taken against them as per provisions of the aforesaid Act.

Functioning of DD stations in Punjab

2194. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan studios presently functioning in Punjab;

(b) whether any new Doordarshan Studio is being planned in the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (d) Two Doordarshan Studios, at Jaiandhar and Patiala, are presently functioning in Punjab. Due to resource and manpower contraints, there is no scheme to set up any other Doordarshan Studios in the State.

Staff of DD/AIR

2195. SHRI EM. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the staff for the newly opened DD and AIR are sanctioned by the Ministry of Finance;

(b) if so, whether Government have started to fill up the vacancies; and

(c) if not, how many vacancies are there in DD and AIR in different categories?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Finance is the sanctioning authority for creation of fresh posts. However, many newly commissioned projects of Doordarshan and AIR are not being sanctioned staff pending manpower review and full implementation of ERC recommendations. As no new staff is being sanctioned, there is no question of filling up such posts.

Installation of DTH sets

2196. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to install DTH sets free of cost in public institutions;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of DTH sets so far installed in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) to (c) Provision for distribution of 10,000 DTH receive systems (dish and Set Top Box), free of cost in the uncovered areas of the States of Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, North-East Region, Rajasthan and Uttaranchal, through Public institutions *viz.* Anganwadis, Schools, Public Health Centres, Panchayats, Youth Clubs, Cooperative societies, etc. was approved, as part of Doordarshan's Ku Band (DTH) project. The free distribution of DTH sets is targeted to the States where the terrestrial coverage is lower than National coverage. So, far, 8456 DTH receive units have been installed in the uncovered villages of above States and N.E Region. Since the terrestrial coverage in A.P. is more than the National average, DTH receive units are not envisaged to be installed free of cost by the Government in the State of Andhra Pradesh.